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TAX CHARGES FROM CONSUMERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the T.V. Pay channels are charging tax on entertainment and advertisements from the consumers;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to save the consumers from being taxed twice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a): As per tariff orders for cable TV services issued by TRAI from time to time, the cable operators can charge local taxes such as entertainment tax alongwith cable charges from subscribers but no information has been made available on charging of tax on advertisements from consumers.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Does not arise.